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1. UN SECRETARIAT PROVIDED US WITH FOLLOWING ON THE

STATUS OF THE NEW CONTINGENTS:

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A. NIGERIA - NOW SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE IN BEIRUT BEGINNING ON MAY 11; SECOND GROUP ARRIVING MAY 13 AND THIRD ON MAY 18. AS REPORTED EARLIER NIGERIAN CONTINGENT WILL BE BRINGING ITS OWN EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES.

B. IRAN - ADVANCE TEAM ARRIVES ON MAY 12 IN LEBANON. IRAN PLANS TO AIRLIFT ITS OWN CONTINGENT AND EQUIPMENT. APPROXIMATE DATE FOR ARRIVAL IN LEBANON IS MAY 20. UN IS URGING IRANIANS TO MOVE UP THIS DATE.

C. FIJI - PLANNING GROUP OF FIJIAN OFFICERS MET IN NEW YORK WITH UN OPERATIONS STAFF ON MAY 9. FIJIANS ESTIMATED ABOUT 3 WEEKS WOULD BE REQUIRED TO PREPARE CONTINGENT FOR AIRLIFT. FIJIANS WILL NOT HAVE EQUIPMENT OR SUPPLIES WITH THEM AND ARE SUBMITTING SECOND AND MORE DETAILED LIST OF REQUIREMENTS. UK AND AUSTRALIANS HAVE BEEN ASKED TO PROVIDE EQUIPMENT. UNNY BELIEVES, HOWEVER, IT MAY HAVE TO TURN TO USG FOR REASONS OF SPEED AND ECONOMY. AS TO AIRLIFT, BOTH AUSTRALIA AND JAPAN HAVE BEEN APPROACHED. JAPAN IS SEEKING APPROVAL OF \$500,000 AS A VOLUNTARY DONATION FOR AIRLIFT. AUSTRALIA SAYS ITS AIR FORCE CANNOT PROVIDE AIRLIFT BUT QANTAS MAY BE AVAILABLE ON COMMERICAL BASIS. UNNY IS LOOKING TO JAPANESE DONATION PERHAPS TO COVER OANTAS FEES WHICH AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT CANNOT PICK UP.

D. IRELAND - ADVANCE TEAM IS DUE IN LEBANON ON MAY 11. IRELAND WILL ATTEMPT TO PROVIDE APPROXIMATE EQUIPMENT LIST BY MAY 10. AIRLIFT REMAINS UNSETTLED; IRISH MISSION IS CHECKING ON SUITABILITY OF UK CONFIDENTIAL

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PROVIDING AIRLIFT BEFORE UN ASKS UK.

2. UNNY APPEARS TO BE PUSHING HARD FOR AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE ARRIVAL OF NEW CONTINGENTS.
SECRETARIAT STAFF IS NOW WELL ACQUAINTED WITH AIRLIFT AND EQUIPMENT HURDLES AND IS REASONABLY CONFIDENT ABOUT RESOLVING THE PROBLEMS WITHOUT UNDUE DELAY. YOUNG

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